

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An icebreaker for breaking through an ice formed at a channel, comprising

an expandable/shrinkable film body which is disposed along a wall surface of the channel;

a fixing member for fixing the expandable/shrinkable film body to the wall surface; and

an air-supply means for supplying air to between the expandable/shrinkable film body and the wall surface to inflate the expandable/shrinkable film body at the channel inner side.
2. (original): The icebreaker according to claim 1, further comprising a lower film body provided in close contact with the wall surface, wherein the air-supplying means supplies air into between the expandable/shrinkable film body and the lower film body.
3. (currently amended): A channel provided with an ice breaker, comprising:

a channel;

a gate for opening/closing the channel; and

the ice breaker according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ disposed near the gate of the channel.